Use of Harmful Pesticides

3560. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban use of harmful pesticides;

(b) if so, the details of such harmful pesticides;

(c) whether Government are also aware that several harmful pesticides banned by Government earlier are frequently used and there is no check by Government;

(d) whether Government propose to evolve a strategy and policy framework on pesticide use in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B .K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The Union Government after considering the recommendations of Expert Committees, has already banned the use of 21 pesticides/pesticide formulations and in case of 2 more pesticide formulations manufacture has been banned and only use of already manufactured stock has been allowed till 25.3.2002, as per list annexed. *(See* below) Such reviews and the action by the Government is a continuing process. An Expert Committee has recently reviewed 28 pesticides and its recommedations are under consideration.

(c) The State Governments, as the enforcement authorities under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules framed thereunder, have been advised from time to time to keep a strict watch to check the use of any banned pesticide and take legal action against the offenders. The Insecticides Act, 1968 is proposed to be amended to provide for more stringent penalties for violation of provisions of the Act, speedier trials of court cases and also to make certain provisions of the Act more effective in order to ensure availability of quality pesticide to the farming community.

(d) and (e) The use of pesticides is regulated under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules framed thereunder. In order to minimise the dependence on use of chemical pesticides in the overall interest of human health and environmental safety, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) has been adopted as cardinal principle and main plank of Plant Protection in agriculture since 1985. A network of 26 Central IPM Centres along with the State Departments of

Agriculture and State Agricultural Universities are engaged in the promotion of IPM technology for the benefit of farmers.

List of pesticides/pesticide formulations banned

1. Aldrin
2. Benzene Hexachloride (BHC) (all formulation)
3. Calcium cyanide
4. Chlordane
5. Copper Acetoarsenite
6. Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)
7. Endrin
8. Ethyl Mercury Chloride
9. Ethyl Parathion
10. Heptachlor
11. Menazon
12. Nicotine Sulphate*
13. Nitrofen
14. Paraquate dimethyl sulphate
15. Peritachloro nitrobenzene (PCNB)
16. Pentachlorophenol (PCP)
17. Phenyl Mercury Acetate (PMA)
18. Sodium Methane Arsonate (MSMA)
19. Tetrad ifon
20. Toxaphene
21. Methomyl 24% Formulation
22. Methomyl 12.5 L Use decided to be prohibited w.e.f 25.3.2002
23. Phosphomidon 85% SL

*This pesticide is manufactured in India for export only.

Land use Policy

3561. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since set up a national commission on Land Use Policy comprising of exports to examine various aspects and make recommendations in this regard;